



Strong creates magic with watercolors in this painting titled 'Ancient Whisper.'

a watercolor painting) watercolor shop and has painted with energy and drive since that time. Her paintings have been accepted to shows in Steamboat Springs, Colo, the Western Heritage Museum's Outlaw Trail Juried Art Show in Vernal where she placed third in the watercolor division in both 1998 and 1999. The show has just

to 7:30 p.m. for the public. The artists and review Strong and Bellew are about the show and hope to draw many visitors to awareness for the beautiful art, and the traditions of the area.

Correction

In last week's edition it was incorrectly stated that Bobbie Mott started the Bull Motts. Motts actually started the men's clothing store that closed.

Gas prices

The U.S. average is per gallon is \$1.58, up 9 cents from last week and up 30 cents from a year ago according to the AAA Fuel Gauge Report

Utah's average for regular unleaded self-serve gas is at \$1.60



PUBLIC NOTICES

"BECAUSE THE PEOPLE MUST KNOW"



NOTICE OF TENTATIVE DECISION TO APPROVE

NO. M/047/028

BEFORE THE DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE OF UTAH

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IN THE MATTER OF TENTATIVE DECISION TO APPROVE THE LARGE MINE NOTICE OF INTENTION FOR THE DUCHESNE COUNTY ASPHALT MINE

UINTAH COUNTY, UTAH

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THE STATE OF UTAH TO ALL OPERATORS, TAKERS OF PRODUCTION, MINERAL AND ROYALTY OWNERS, AND PARTICULARLY ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, UBM, UINTAH COUNTY, UTAH.

Notice is hereby given by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining of its tentative decision to approve the Large Mining Operations Notice of Intention for the Duchesne County Asphalt Mine. Mining activities will affect the following area: W1/2 NW1/4, and NW1/4 SW1/4, Section 19, T2N, R1E, UBM, Uintah County, Utah.

The operator will employ the following mining and reclamation

techniques on approximately 36.86 acres of land.

During Operations

Surface mining of tar sands using conventional equipment such as bulldozers, front end loaders, and trucks. Removal of overburden, surface blasting of tar sands, processing tar sands through a crushing system and stockpiling the crushed material for use in paving roads in Duchesne County. Active mining and crushing take place on a seasonal basis.

Following Operations

All drill holes will be plugged. Access roads will be ripped to a depth of one to two feet with road cuts being regraded close to the approximate original contour. Waste stockpile material shall be placed into the pit as partial backfill against the highwall and be graded to provide positive drainage out of the pit. Topsoil material shall be placed over the backfill. Composted manure at the rate of 10 ton/acre will be spread over the backfilled area, the crushing and material stockpile areas, the topsoil stockpile area, and the previous crushing and stockpile areas. The compost shall be ripped into the upper six inches of soil. All affected areas will be broadcast seeded immediately after completion of the earthwork, preferable in the fall.

Final regraded surfaces shall be left in an

extremely roughened condition to minimize erosion, and enhance moisture retention. Where available, rocks and grubbed vegetation will be randomly placed on the regraded areas to discourage public access and break the area up visually. Signs will be placed in several locations around the perimeter of the backfilled pit area warning of the highwall hazard. All structures and debris shall be removed from the site.

The natural drainage system leading into the reclaimed mine area shall be re-established by grading drainage channels through the site to match the size of the undisturbed channel into the site. Reconstructed drainage channels shall be broadcast seeded. The main access road into the site shall remain for continued access to private lands.

The person representing the operator is Mr. Doug Nielsen; Phone (435) 738-2468. Duchesne County is fulfilling obligations under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, Utah Code Ann. §40-8-18.

Any person or agency aggrieved by this tentative decision to issue approval is hereby requested to submit written protest within thirty (30) days of the date of publication to Pamela Grubaugh-Littig, Associate Director of Mining, Division of Oil,

Gas and Mining, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, Box 145801, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801, setting forth factual reasons for the complaint. If no responsive written protests are received by the Division within 30 days after the last date of publication, the tentative decision of the Division will be final.

DATED THIS 26th day of October, 2000
STATE OF UTAH
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING
LOWELL P. BRAXTON,
Director

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The United States Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency's (FSA) County Office along with Rural Development and Natural Resource Conservation Service presently occupies 5013 net usable square feet of office space at 80 North 500 West in Vernal. FSA is interested in signing a succeeding lease for this space, but it will consider relocating if economically advantageous to FSA. Occupancy is required by Jan. 1, 2001.

Anyone interested should call Greg Witbeck at 789-7133 for more information.

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REJECT

Elect Richard Ted